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Dear Federal Communications Commission:

This letter is being written in response to 17-108 (Restoring Internet Freedom). My comment begins with the naming of the proceeding, in that it is misleading and confusing to the public at large. This docket is not about the freedom of the American people, it is about the freedom of Internet Providers to improve their bottom line, likely impacting their customers in an unfair fashion and to the public's detriment.

I am a member of the Armed Services, and I rely on the internet to keep me informed and to be able to freely communicate with my family across the country.

The idea of network neutrality is simple: every site and service carried across the Internet gets equal access to the end user. The Internet service provider does not have the ability to choose "winners and losers." Imagine in 2007 if Internet providers would have favored their own video distribution partners over startups on the Internet. If this had been the case, a scrappy startup called YouTube would likely not exist.

I rely on a variety of services to communicate with my family, and that communication happens across a network of Internet providers and services on the Internet. Having "fast lanes" or "preferred providers" would seriously hamper my choice of services. This would also make communication more difficult with my family, including increasing the level of complexity to make everything work for a video call, for example.

Network neutrality is not something that is going to improve the bottom line for large business. I would argue that the business of internet service providers has flourished despite government regulation over the past few years. This progress must not be stopped by a regression of regulation imposed on the Internet providers. The FCC MUST maintain classification of Internet providers under Title II. This is in the public interest.

Sincerely,

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